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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 27th March 1963.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Amenities and Perquisites

* 75 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various amenities and perquisites allowed to the Ministers besides their pay and allowances;

(*b*) the capital cost of such perquisites for each Minister during 1961–62; and

(*c*) the annual maintenance charges for the same?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) *to* (*c*) : A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Ban on Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

* 76 *Q.*—SRI R. VENKATACHALAM (on behalf of SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government has been consulted by the Government of India as regards any ban to be imposed on the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam; and

(*b*) if so, the recommendations, if any, made by the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (a) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Backward classes

* 77 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether any communication has recently been received from the Government of India in regard to reservation of promotion posts in favour of backward classes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : No.

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a Printed as Appendix I an pages 61-62.

State Transport

* 78 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any 'time table and guide' in respect of the City State Transport is published; and

(*b*) if so, the cost of it?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The cost of the bus guide (1960 edition) is thirty naye Paise per copy.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Am I to understand, Sir, that copies of these time-tables are available now?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Yes, Sir, they are available now.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are they, Sir, with reference to the timings of the buses running within the City, and is there any set of particulars for tourists that may come to the City?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, I saw a copy of it this morning, but I am sorry I have not brought one with me now. This gives the timings for the long distance buses throughout the State, and there are also some rules and regulations included in it regarding baggage free allowance and so on.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Government think of the desirability of publishing such a time-table and guide in respect of the City buses as has been published by the Bangalore Transport?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, it is not possible to publish the timings of buses running within the city.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Did the Government at any time attempt to do it in the interest of the people coming into this City?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: In a City service it is difficult to give any timings with buses running at intervals of three to five minutes. And secondly there may be overlapping of routes in the same stand. For instance, in a stand like Mount Road as many as sixty buses pass by at the same time. I do not think it is possible.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Did the Government have any occasion to study the guide printed by the Bangalore Transport Service and how they keep their buses running according to the time-table?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: I do not know what happens in Bangalore. I have said it is not possible to do it at Madras.